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In re Application of :
Tuqiang NI et al :
Serial No. 09/689,616 : Group Art Unit: 1763
Filed: October 13, 2000 : Examiner: L. Mulero
For: VACUUM PLASMA PROCESSOR HAVING A CHAMBER WITH ELECTRODES
AND A COIL FOR PLASMA EXCITATION AND METHOD OF OPERATING
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Restriction Requirement of March 13, 2002, by electing the specie of Figure 1B, upon which claim 22 reads. In addition, generic claims 1-18 and 23-32 read on the elected specie. Examination of claims 1-18 and 22-32 is therefore in order. Upon allowance of a generic claim, consideration of each of claims 1-32 is in order.

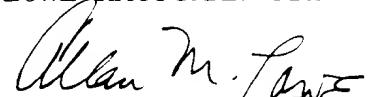
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

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